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Thanks

- .. To our FANTASTIC camp parents.
- .. Mrs Gunson and Mr Schuster for all the hard work during, and in the build up to camp.
- .. Jasmine Bundle (NZ Police) for a great Junior Bike Day.
- .. To those who returned summer reading surveys.
- .. Those parents assisting with term headlice inspection.

People of the week

- .. Laura who trained for swimming through most of her school holidays and has qualified for NZ Juniors in 200m, 100m & 50m backstroke and 100m & 50m butterfly.
- .. Our junior "bikers"
- .. Those who have volunteered to assist in classrooms / around the school this year. Your involvement is appreciated.

Please keep us informed of the achievements of present and past pupils so that we can celebrate these together.

Board of Trustees .. Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson

Board of Trustees (C/o the school)

by: 16 March please.

Term Events

.. coming events in brief.

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| 21 Feb | Swimming heats (preparatory to school and zone events) |
| 22 Feb | Tennis Doubles Tournament (pp 29.2) |
| 22 Feb | Keeping Ourselves Safe parent meeting (Library 3:15) |
| 24 Feb | Learner Journey sheets home for parent input |
| 24 Feb | Indicator Reports home |
| 27/28 Feb | Parent/teacher/student conferences |
| 29 Feb | Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School |
| 13 March | Keeping Ourselves Safe programme under way (2 weeks) |
| 13 March | Interschool Swimming Competitions (W.I.S.) pp 20.3 |
| 15 March | School Swimming Sports |
| 21 March | Year 7/8 team triathlon (Marsden Cove) |
| 22 March | Year 7/8 HPV and tetanus vaccinations |
| 25 March | Year 7/8 individual triathlon (Onerahi Foreshore) |
| 5 April | Final day term 1 |

Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting

The school will shortly be involving children in a number of units related to the topic of "keeping Ourselves Safe". This does involve issues like safe touching but includes a whole lot more. This unit of work will be facilitated, in part, by the Police Education Officer Jasmine Bundle, who (along with key staff) is willing to meet with parents on 22 February at 3.15 in the Library. Please advise Helen if you will be in attendance at this meeting.

Reading Logs

Holiday reading logs to class teachers please. National Library books issued at the end of last year may be held until further notice.

Tennis Doubles Tournament - (Thomas Neale 22.2)

Where consents were returned children have been entered in this event. Please note parents are responsible for transport and supervision for their own child (or for arranging this with another attending parent).

School Contributions / Trips and Events Fee / Spelling Books

Please forward payment for the above to school at your earliest convenience.

If feeling financially stretched at the moment parents are welcome to contact me to discuss alternative payment arrangements. You will find us accommodating and discreet.

Bike helmets

Please ensure children wear their bike helmets at all times when using their bikes (and ESPECIALLY if cycling to school).

Disabled Parking Areas

.. please ensure the disabled parking areas are used only for this purpose.

School Assemblies

We have assemblies on Monday around 2:30 - 2:40 each **even** week (e.g. 5 March / 19 March etc.). Parents are most welcome to join us for these assemblies.

School Garden

The first Garden Club meeting of 2012 has been postponed to Wednesday 22 Feb at 12.45. Parent helpers most welcome.

Triadic Conferences (parent / teacher / student interviews) - 27 and 28 Feb

Interview booking sheets were sent home on Monday and advice of appointment times will be issued **week beginning 20 February**. If you did not receive a booking sheet please give the office a call. Helen will do her best to give you your preferred times but these will ultimately be allocated on a first in basis. Parents are encouraged to attend these interviews with their child or to make an alternative appointment if these days do not suit. Conferences are an opportunity to talk about your child specifically, to see how they have settled, to note any concerns, and to set some targets. This is a chance for you and your child (attendance optional for year 1 children) to be heard and to hear some first impressions of how their year is unfolding.

Early Buses - early notice that buses will run 30 minutes early on 27 and 28 Feb because of parent interviews. Parents who transport their children by car are asked to pick them up at 2.30 PM please on these days.

PMP

We would really appreciate further offers to assist with this important programme. If able to help please give Mrs Robertson a call. PMP takes place every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon - even if you can help on one of these afternoons it enables us to give existing parent helpers the occasional break.

Pool Keys

The pool will be available for public use. Hire keys are available from the school office at \$25 per family for the 2012 swimming season. Those who held their key last year in anticipation of using again this year received an invoice this week. Please send the money in asap. Many thanks.

Brief reminders ..

- .. please use upper carpark or lower bus bay for drop off and pick up
- .. all children need water bottles, sun hats and swimming gear at school each day
- .. please ensure children have their full stationery quota
- .. advise the office if you have altered pick up arrangements for your child
- .. ensure non-bus children are picked up no later than 3:25
- .. advise the office by 2:45 if your child will NOT be on their customary bus
- .. advise urgently of any changes to custody / address / contact or medical details.

Medications - EXPIRY DATES

Where we currently hold medication for your child please call by the office within the next week to check expiry dates and arrange replacement where necessary. If unsure give the office a call.

After School Care

All users of this programme are asked to register please. This can be done on line by visiting www.skids.co.nz or alternatively by checking in with the programme manager here at school before the start of ASC. The standard of this programme has been significantly upgraded and large subsidies are available to most users. We hope parents will make full use of this programme to help ensure it is sustainable. Brochures are available from the school office.

Parent Helpers

Thanks again for all offers of help. Classroom Rosters and Guidelines For Parent Helpers were sent home this week. We hope to get you all up and started next week - just report to the teacher of the room to which you have been allocated. If you would like to negotiate the roster, or if your plans have changed, please see the teacher(s) involved. Please carefully read the Parent Guidelines before starting up and let us know where we can help.

Scholastic Book Orders .. watch this space!

Guitar Lessons

There are a number of vacancies in this popular after school programme (Wednesday & Thursday in the Old School Room - by the upper car park). Cost \$20 per lesson. Vangie has a spare guitar for kids trying out. If interested please phone Vangie on 434 7573 or 021 1883251, or email killalea@ihug.co.nz

Friday Lunches

Order forms are available from the office. Weekly orders must be in no later than Wednesday of the week in question. Please give Helen a call if you can spend 10 minutes in the morning and/or 15 minutes around mid-day to help with heating and distribution of items. Thank you.

Monday Lunches

If able to help with Monday lunches (around 45 minutes) from 12:00 on Mondays please give Helen a call. Any assistance would be very much appreciated.

Swan Plants - Available at the School Office. Gold coin donation. All proceeds to the School.

Homework

Homework is **encouraged but optional** at Matarau School. For most children this will mean 4 nights homework a week (around 20 minutes each night) with most of this time spent on word learning, maths basic facts and reading, with one activity related to their class programme. Parents should feel free to advise their child's teacher if the load needs to be lightened for any reason or if they wish their child excused from homework altogether. This saves tension and time wasted chasing homework. **If you do NOT want your child to receive homework please advise their teacher NEXT week.** If you are on board please set a regular time and place and advise us if we can help with any "speed wobbles" along the way. Let's start as we mean to continue by getting routines well established.

(Although the research is a little inconclusive we believe that regular homework routines lead to better performance and a better preparation for secondary school for most children).

School charter

A summary of our 2012 school charter is now on our website (board tab) for those interested and hard copies are available from the school office. This identifies some of the areas of special focus for this year. Kevin is more than happy to discuss this with any interested parties.

Survey Results 2011

Parents will be surveyed in three areas over a three year period (coinciding with the board election cycle). Surveys are in the areas of School Climate, Communication, Learning Culture. These are the areas commonly surveyed by schools internationally and 10 simple questions have been chosen in each area from among those commonly asked (with some modifications for our particular school context). Last year parents were surveyed on the area of school climate. Responses are included below for your interest ("unable to comment" category not included) ..

<i>Estimate around 30% of parents responded</i>	Usually / Always	Seldom / Sometimes
I feel welcome when I visit the school	93%	7%
I feel I can approach the school with matters of concern	88%	9.4%
My child is positive about going to school	93%	7%
Issues are dealt with sensitively	86%	7%
Children are treated fairly	86%	9.5%
Staff are friendly and positive	93%	7%
The school is open to new ideas	86%	4.6%
Positive behaviour is recognised	93%	7%
Social and cultural differences are respected	74%	7%
The school celebrates achievement	88%	9.3%

Responses to last year's children's survey on "Being valued" were as follows ("not sure" not included) ..

<i>Estimate around 30-40% of children responded.</i>	Strongly agree / agree	Disagree / strongly disagree
I have plenty of friends	92%	3.2%
At school people tell me when I do something well	75%	6.6%
At school people care about how I feel	63.3%	13.3%
My teacher listens to my ideas	93%	0%
My classmates and friends listen to my ideas	60%	18%
Teachers help me when I have a problem	86%	1.7%
My friends help me when I have a problem	83%	13.6%
There are things I am really good at	95%	1.7%
The teachers like me as I am	83%	1.7%
My friends like me as I am	81%	5.1%

This information was used to form our 2012 charter. In 2012 parents and children will be surveyed in areas relating to the schools learning culture. These surveys will be available from early March.

Final thought

Sometimes our light goes out, but is blown again into instant flame by an encounter with another human being." — [Albert Schweitzer](#)

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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A Message from our SKIDS Team

Our SKIDS 'Safe Kids in Daily Supervision' would be very pleased to answer any questions you may have in regards to the SKIDS after school program, which is up and running each day. We can now offer fun filled after school supervision until 6pm and remember you could qualify for a subsidy too!

Also, please let it be known to them if you would appreciate an Easter Holiday Program being available for your child. If there are enough numbers this could be something to look forward to. To contact Abby or Hannah text or call 0278461724 or pop into the school hall at the end of the school day. Alternatively you will find information and enrolment forms online at www.skids.co.nz

Lost

.. Girls Size 14 light green rash top with the word "Angel" written down the side in white. If you have seen it or know where it is could you please tell Kayla Sinclair in Room 11.

.. Boys Size 14 dark blue togs (Zoggs) with a light blue side panel. If you have come across these, please hand into the office.

Community Notices

For Rent - small, furnished accommodation available, on the Matarau School bus route. Please contact Jan 433 5000 or 0273190273.

For Rent – Sunny modern 3 bedroom hse with garage & carport on our farm, \$200 per wk. Pullin Rd, Purua. Ph Rhys on 027089788.

Wanted – Painted asap, experience necessary. Part time could lead into full time work. Ph 04336040 a/h or 0274539391.

House Cleaner – Available. Super efficient, references available. Reasonable rate, min 2 hrs. Ph 4338185 or 0272086195.

Free – to a good home, 4yr old female cat, all fixed up. Likes being outside. Please contact School Office 4335823.

Need Help – Student seeking 1 day's work a week. Enthusiastic gardener, experienced animal handler, some milking experience too. Call or text Loren 0210629867.

Parenting Programme – Growing behaviours & nurturing potential, Six free sessions, Thur 23 Feb, 1 Mar & 8 Mar, Manaia View School, Whangarei, Register Jigsaw North 4388852 or School Office 4389041.

Quarry Arts Centre – Picnic, food, music from 7pm, 8-25 Feb, Tickets \$12/\$17, available from Venue and Himalayan Trading Post. Ph 4384453 or www.nty.org.nz

Girls Brigade – Available to all girls 5-17 yrs old, Programme enables girls to have fun, develop friendships, learn and extend skills, meet challengers and have new opportunities. For more info contact Sheryn Comrie, 4335756.

Dance Inc Northland – Limited spaces available in Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary & Musical Theatre. Ph 4308806 or visit www.danceincnorthland.co.nz or email danceincnorthland@gmail.com.

Kamo Soccer – Taking registrations for children 5 and up. Midweek practices at Kauri School available with teams affiliated with Kamo Soccer. For more info ph Annette Hayes on 4355106 or 0212654835

Cash for Communities

Last year the farming community raised over \$80,000 for schools and community organisations around New Zealand with PGG Wrightson Cash for Communities. Any farmer who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser or selected agri-chemicals or seed on their PGG Wrightson account between 7 Feb and 31 May 2012 can earn cash for the school, simply by nominating the school at www.pggwrightson.co.nz. For more info ph 0508276556.

Nigel Latta

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from the
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